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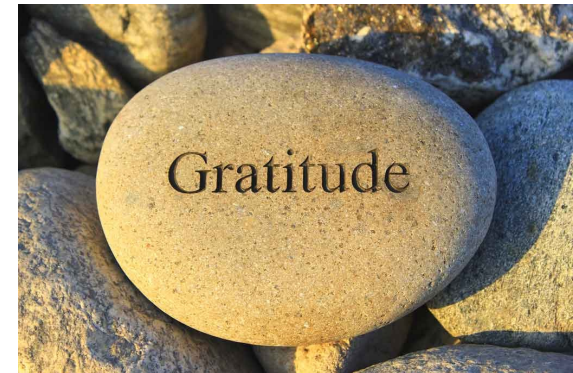
Superintendent's Report



With Gratitude

- Bus Accident
 - Thank you to Carla and Morgen from Carlin who were the first on the scene
 - Transportation Department (Andrea, Susan, and Lynda) and others who supported the incident
 - Thank you to Jen and Michelle from SLT and Bree from Health and Safety who supported behind the scenes

Thank you to the students and their families!!



It Takes a Team



- Thank you to all educators who have been working on the first ***Written Learning Update*** (formerly report cards) under the Ministry's new reporting policy.
- Thank you to all SD83 teachers for their dedicated assessment and reporting efforts that support ongoing student learning and growth.
- There is a significant shift to focus on descriptive and personalized feedback for students and meaningful opportunities to include student voice.
- Thanks to those educators involved with the SD83 CSL Working Group (as well as many classroom teachers) who have provided a variety of templates, exemplars, and resources to support descriptive feedback writing.
- Educators have also been exploring the use of SpacesEDU in Elementary/Middle and myBlueprint-Education Planner in Secondary.

Provincial Changes to Grade 10

- Anti-Racism – Mandatory Holocaust Curriculum
- The changes will take effect in the 2025-26 school year to allow for adequate consultation.
- The scope of the Grade 10 Social Studies curriculum *may also be broadened to include* additions that reflect the diversity and history of British Columbia, including topics such as; learning related to the Japanese Internment and discrimination against culturally diverse groups such as Muslim, East Asian, Black and South Asian communities.



SD83 Strategic Priorities

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

(Each student will develop their literacy skills, numeracy skills, and competencies to become their most capable self)

HUMAN & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Each student will feel welcome, safe, and connected to peers and adults in their schools)

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

(Each student will develop the skills and competencies necessary to be successful in a career pathway of their choice)

DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF WELL-BEING

(Each student will feel socially, emotionally, and mentally supported within their schools and the district)

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

(We will develop and enhance procedures, practices, and partnerships that will assist in meeting the district strategic priorities)

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

(We will work to represent the interests of all students by actively advocating for student's learning and well-being through Strategic Planning, Policy, and responsible Stewardship)

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STUDENTS FIRST | ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY | CULTURE OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

Human and Social Development

- In response to the Inclusive Education Review – Support for “Social Emotional Learning”
 - Vice-Principal of Student Wellness
 - Collaborative Learning Series on The Behaviour Code (authors Minnahan & Rappaport)
 - Addresses the four most challenging behaviours (anxiety related, oppositional, withdrawn, & sexualized)
- November 14th Two hours (Admin with Jessica M.)
- November 24th full day Professional Development
- February Online Pro-D
- May In person Pro D
- Online Check ins during January, March, April

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Career Development

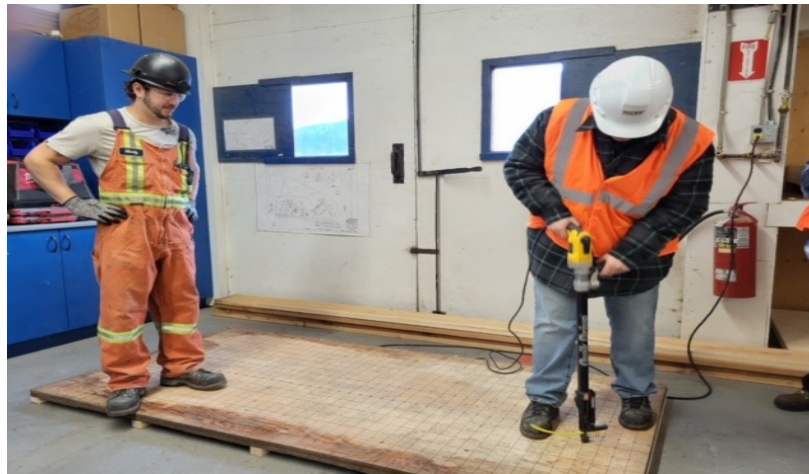
- Within the BC Ministry of Education and Childcare curriculum, career-life development from K-5 is largely about expanding a sense of self and discovering awareness of personal interests and strengths.
- In grades 6-9, students are introduced to increasingly diverse experiential learning opportunities and ways in family, mentors and community networks support students' self-awareness and continued career life development.
- Career-life interests and possibilities start to become meaningful considerations for students in grades 10-12.
- Career Life Education and Career Life Connections are required courses in the provincial Graduation program.

Career Development in Action



Approximately 50 students from SD83 participated in a Career Field Trip to Tolko Lumber and Plywood Plant south of Armstrong.

Students rotated through 8 interactive stations which featured carpentry, millwright, heavy duty mechanics, electrical and power engineering, and machining.



There are many more Trade based field trips taking place this year. Students who are interested in acquiring more information about high demand jobs in the trades should reach out to Michelle Hall (Trades and Transitions Coordinator) at A.L. Fortune.

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Career Development

SD83 Careers Department

Parents and students you are invited to:

DUAL CREDIT

EARN POST SECONDARY CREDITS WHILE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!

GET A HEAD START! DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!

Many Opportunities

There are many new ways for students to get valuable life experiences and a head start on a post-secondary level program, most tuition-free, while you are still in secondary school. There are dual credit opportunities not just in trades, but also technology, academics and health. Some post secondaries will also be attending and will have booths!

We are here to help!

All of our high schools have career coordinators to help students! As these programs are very popular and space is limited, it is important to begin thinking about your options for next year as soon as possible.

**NOV. 7 - SALMON ARM SECONDARY
NOV. 8 - PLEASANT VALLEY SECONDARY
BOTH SESSIONS RUN FROM 5:30 - 7 P.M.**

These sessions are aimed at Grade 9-12 students and their parents. However, younger students and their parents are welcome!

For More Information
<https://career.sd83.bc.ca/>

About 100 parents and students attended the session in Salmon Arm with an additional 80 attending at Pleasant Valley Secondary.

Engineering & Technology Careers

presented by BCIT



Online

Tuesday November 28, 2:15 - 3:30 pm PST

BCIT

BC CAREER WEEK VIRTUAL EVENT: GREEN JOBS

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 | 12:50 PM PT

REGISTER NOW:



<https://bit.ly/3Fj4Nz>



PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN:

- PROJECT LEARNING TREE CANADA
- COFI BC COUNCIL OF FOREST INDUSTRIES
- SD83 CAREER PROGRAMS

HEALTH SCIENCES CAREERS

It takes a lot of different professions to keep our health care system running.

Learn about some of the diverse options for working in health sciences.

- Biomedical Engineering Technology
- Environmental Public Health
- Medical Radiography (x-ray)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation Therapy
- Sonography (ultrasound)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
10:45am to 12:00pm**

FOR MORE INFORMATION REACH OUT TO YOUR CAREER COORDINATOR

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Organizational Development - Partnerships

- North Shu – Early Learning Staff have been working with the North Shuswap Childcare Society. SD83 Operations has been on site to determine an appropriate location for on-site childcare. Next step is to explore New Spaces Funding.
- Integrated Child and Youth Team (collaboration with the Ministry of Child and Family Development – MCFD and Child and Youth Mental Health – CYMH)

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- ***Community Engagement Session for Childcare providers***, teachers, early childhood educators, caregivers and community service providers in the Armstrong area are invited to a meeting at ***Armstrong Elementary School*** for a community engagement session on Nov. 29, 2023.
- This session will discuss recent data and research related to the early years in the Armstrong area!
- To be part of this session please email Allison de Boer, Vice Principal of Early Learning adeboer@sd83.bc.ca

Effective Governance and Leadership

- Policy 121 – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity
 - Currently the Committee of the Board working on Policy is looking at revisions and additions to the current policy as a priority.
 - The Policy Committee is nearing completion of the 300 section (Students)

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SD83 Values – Belonging/Respect

- Parents/Caregivers/Guardians have requested an information session related to SOGI 123
- Thank you to the SD83 DPAC executive who are working collaboratively with Director Dawe-Taylor, Vice-Principal Tanya Harrington, and SOGI Lead Teacher Amy Witt to develop a Q & A session to support a sense of belonging for all students and families across the district.
- Thank you to DPAC and SD83 staff who are working to continue to build upon the strong foundation of respect between families, stakeholders, and Rightsholders that currently exists.



SD83 Value - Reconciliation



Indigenous Veteran's Day – November 8, 2023 @ Splatsin

- Director Prince
- Secretary Treasurer Culler
- Assistant Superintendent Guillou
- Superintendent Kriger

SD83 Value - Equity

- A ***SD83 Working Group*** is also working with ***Shuswap Food Action Society*** and holding a parent meeting to look at what equity looks like in a school food program.
- This is related to the Ministry Feeding Futures Grant which has provided over 900K to SD83 to ensure all students have barrier free access to nutritious food.
- The first meeting is set for Nov. 29 at 5 p.m.
- If any Rightsholder or Stakeholder has questions, please contact Serena Caner at scanner@sd83.bc.ca

SD83 Celebrations

- Ronan Wiens of Jackson defended his provincial title at the High School Cross Country Running Championships in White Rock on November 4, 2023. Ronan won his second straight title in the para division.
- Students from five SD83 high schools qualified for the BC Aquatics Championships in Nanaimo. Congratulations to the athletes and thanks to the coaches who help give our students these opportunities. Although not travelling to the provincials, the top finishers in the Okanagan region were:
 - Top Finishers Para Swimmer Brea Duncan PVSS (grade 11)
 - Top Open Swimmer Finn Skofteby SMS (grade 8)
 - Top Summer Swimmer (B) Tyler Hilton ERS grade 12
- Congratulations to the Jackson Junior Girls Volleyball team as they have earned a spot at Provincials being held in Surrey this weekend.

